

HALF-YEARLY REPORT

OF THE

LONDON CONFERENCE

OF THE

Church of Jesus Christ

OF

L A T T E R - D A Y S A I N T S ,

Held in the City of London,

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th & 7th,

1851.

ELDER ELI B. KELSEY, PRESIDENT.

„ T. C. ARMSTRONG, } SECRETARIES.
„ J. T. GEARY, }

VISITORS PRESENT.—Elders Lorenzo Snow and Franklin D. Richards, of the Quorum of the Twelve. Elders George B. Wallace and Levi Richards Counsellors to the President of the British Conferences. Several Presidents of Conferences, &c., &c.

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CONFERENCE REPORT.

The Presidents of Branches and Travelling Elders of the London Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints assembled in the Eastern Lecture Hall, Church Lane, Whitechapel, on Saturday the 6th day of December, 1851, at 3 o'Clock, P.M., for the transaction of Conference business.

The meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Elder Gates.

On motion by Elder Kelsey, it was agreed that Elder J. T. Geary be appointed Assistant-Secretary of the Conference.

President Kelsey then said, "My mind has been so much exercised of late—that it will take me some time to get into the spirit of the business which we have to transact. I desire that you will not get into the spirit of haste. We have a good supply of refreshment, and I may say that, for this day our bread is given and our water is sure. I find that a number of the Branches are reporting a great many more members than they can find. This arises from the mis-management of persons who were formerly the Clerks of those Branches. In the Record-Book of Theobalds Road Branch they have the names of a great number of persons of whom they know nothing. In order to remedy this evil, let the Clerk of each Branch make out a list of the names of the lost members, and then let him read it before the Council Meeting. In this way you will find some of them. Then let the list be read before the Church Meeting. In this way you will find many more, and what you cannot find in this way, you may report as scattered members : you must not cut them off—for they may be in good standing ; but owing to the peculiar circumstances in which they may be placed, they may not be able to attend the meetings. I brought this matter before you at the last Conference ; but after a little consultation with Elder Wallace, I thought it wise to defer it until the present. I would have been happy to have read to this meeting a Report of the Book Agency ; but owing to the change of agent, we have not been able to prepare one in time. However, it will be published in the Conference Report.—I wish Elder Armstrong to retire in the side room—for the purpose of receiving the various monies from the Presidents of Branches, who will, as they shall be called upon, wait upon him for that purpose.—Elder Geary will now call upon the Presidents of Branches to give in their Reports. If the Branches have not removed their places of meeting, the Presidents will please to say, ' the same.' "

The Reports were then handed in, as follows :—

LONDON CONFERENCE TABULAR RETURN.

Branches.	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Removed by Letter.	Emigrated.	Cut off.	Dead.	Number of Members.	Amount due to the General Book and Millennial Star Agent.	Amount donated towards the support of the President, &c.	Amount subscribed for Elder Eli B. Kelsey's Emigration.	Amount subscribed towards the Italian Mission.	Amount donated in aid of the Conference or Missionary Fund.	Amount donated towards the Perpetual Emigration Fund.	Amount donated for all purposes during the Half-year.
Heobalds Road	13	5	12	3	69	22	26		10	1	467	£7 5 5½	£8 8 10	£17 17 0	£5 5 4	£5 0 0	£7 17 5	£45 17 3
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ewbury	10	8	6	3	19	8	1		5		168	21 5 10½	0 19 0	4 5 0	1 2 5	0 9 7	1 4 11	9 9 4
oolwich	9	8	7	3	51	5	8		2	1	166	9 19 3½	2 8 0	10 0 0	1 12 8	3 1 7	2 16 9	20 13 1
mers Town	6	2	6	5	23	9	14		4	1	132	4 19 6½	2 8 10	4 17 1½	1 10 6	2 7 6½	1 10 0½	12 14 0½
ld Kent Road	8	6	6	3	21	22	9		7		124	9 7 2½	1 16 0½	10 1 6		2 0 3		15 14 7½
ennington	8	3	3	3	16	11	4		2	1	123	8 1 11	1 18 0	10 5 6	3 9 6	2 0 0	1 8 11	20 12 10
ewonport	6	4	4	2	4	2	2		2		105	4 1 0	0 14 2	1 14 0		1 14 0		4 2 2
addington	5	2	3	2	21	50	28		3		102	4 14 4½	2 2 3	4 3 0	1 2 7	1 4 8	1 9 1	10 6 1
insbury	8	5	3	1	15	21	5		2		101	9 4 1½	1 6 4	3 15 0	0 14 0	1 0 0	3 5 1½	10 5 5½
outhwark	9	8	4	3	10	9	14	2	3	1	93	7 3 6	1 4 1	3 0 0	0 16 8		1 14 2	6 14 11
eptford	7	3	4	2	15	15	10		7		89	7 2 1	1 10 8	6 3 10	3 3 10	2 6 1	3 0 2	17 18 7
lover	4	3	5	1	9	5	5		10		88	10 4 10½	1 6 6	1 13 6	0 17 6	0 19 0	2 2 6	8 18 6
righton	3	3	6	2	15	5	11		5		85	9 11 0½	0 15 0	3 9 4	1 0 3	1 8 1	1 9 1	9 12 4½
slington	5	3	3	2	12	10	12		5		80	7 0 3½	2 0 0	2 10 0	2 10 10		1 16 10	9 2 8
old Ash	7	8	4	1	1	1			1	1	77		0 1 8	1 0 2	0 17 0	0 2 3	0 5 5	2 6 6
helsea	2	2	3	3	1	16	11	1	1	1	74	5 6 1	0 9 0	3 11 10		1 0 0	1 7 0	6 12 10
oplar	4	3	6	4	13	10	27				73	6 10 4½	2 8 5½	5 5 2	2 10 4	1 10 0	5 15 0	18 4 1½
amden Town	8	8	4	1	5	9	6				68	5 10 10		1 17 0	1 11 6	0 16 3	1 12 0	5 17 9
lobe Fields	3	2	5	2	21	6	3		5	3	66	5 7 9	0 17 5	1 7 10	0 16 0	0 14 0	0 10 4½	4 5 7½
heerness	2	4	3	3	3	3	2		1		62	7 13 4	0 8 8	1 7 6	1 5 3	1 2 6	0 14 7	5 14 6
aversham	3	5	4	1	10	2	2		1		61	5 8 8½	0 15 3	1 12 3	0 10 6	0 11 8	0 5 4	4 14 3
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Watford	4	3	2	2	1		9		4		53	3 3 8½	0 17 9½	2 2 6	1 4 2	1 1 1	2 19 4	8 4 10
Welling	5	2	3	1	7	1	2		5	1	49	4 12 0	0 17 9½	2 10 0	0 12 5	1 14 8	1 4 11	7 5 3½
St. Albans	2	2	1	1	1	1	4		2		47	3 6 5	0 5 1½	0 2 8	0 2 10½		0 17 11	1 9 9
Windsor	2	1	1	1	5		5		3		36	5 0 10	0 14 5½	0 13 0	0 6 0		0 4 10	1 18 3½
Battersea	2	4	1	1	3	3	4		2		34	2 11 9½	0 16 8	0 17 1	0 7 0	0 15 0	0 7 5½	3 3 2½
Vauxhall	2	2	1	2	7	8	7				34	3 13 6½	0 10 1	2 3 10	0 15 0	0 3 3	0 2 10	4 0 0
Boxford	2	2	1	1	4		3				33	3 2 0		0 6 8½	0 5 10	0 5 7	0 7 0	1 5 1½

(TABULAR RETURN CONTINUED.)

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TOTALS...	226	171	159	86	691	401	326	4	139	14	3732	£236	5	8½	£52	13	9	£140	2	2½	£43	17	9	£41	7	6¾	£66	9	2½	£365	16	10½
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BRANCHES IN THE LONDON CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 7, 1851.

Those marked thus * do now belong to the Reading Conference; those marked thus † to the Kent Conference; those marked thus ‡ to the Essex Conference; and those marked thus § to the Lands End Conference.

BRANCHES.	ORGANIZED.	PLACE OF MEETING.	COUNTY.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.
Theobalds Road	Nov. 10, 1841	Queen's Square Assembly Rooms	Middlesex	David Shorten	5, Hand Court, Holborn
Whitechapel	Oct. 21, 1848	Eastern Lecture Hall, Church Lane	"	Thomas C. Armstrong	35, Jewin Street, City
Newbury	June 27, 1843	Latter-day Saints' Chapel, St. Mary Street	Berkshire	Thomas Squires	8, Waterloo Place, Newbury
Woolwich	Oct. 10, 1841	Thomas Street	Kent	Thomas Fisher	8, Albert Place, Charlton, Woolwich
Somers Town	July 2, 1848	16, Aldenham Street	Middlesex	William Bowring	16, Aldenham Street, Somers Town
Old Kent Road	Jan. 14, 1849	Crown Wharf, Canal Bridge	Surrey	Henry Manistre	19, St. James Street, New Hatcham
Kennington	June 15, 1848	Rackham's Academy, Bowling Green St.	"	John Hawkins	1, Robert Street, North Brixton
Devonport	May 19, 1850	104, Fore Street	Devonshire	James Caffall	2, Cornwall Street, Devonport
Paddington	March 21, 1850	Literary Institution, Great Carlisle Street	Middlesex	J. T. Geary	44, Duncan Terrace, Islington
Finsbury	" 6, 1850	Providence Chapel, Cumberland St., Shored.	"	J. Maiben	52, Gloucester St., Queen's Sq., Bloomsbury
Southwark	" 5, 1850	Octagon Rooms, Mount St., Westminster	Surrey	Thomas Macaughie	7, Berry Street, Sutton Street, Clerkenwell
Deptford	July 21, 1849	1, Collier Street [Road	Kent	John Griffiths	1, John Street, Woolwich New Town
Dover	" 10, 1846	10, Chapel Place	"	Thomas Barton	1, Chapel Place, Dover
Brighton	Nov. 1849	Richmond Buildings, Richmond Street	Sussex	Henry Hollist	7, Wellington Place, Great Russell Street
Islington	Jan. 20, 1850	23, Ratcliffe Terrace, Goswell Street Road	Middlesex	William Cook	2, Redcross Square, Jewin Street, City
Cold Ash	July 30, 1848	William Ballard's, Cold Ash	Berkshire	Joseph Kimber	Cold Ash
Chelsea	Nov. 1849	Beulah Chapel, Pond Place	Middlesex	Cornelius Bagnall	5, Cumberland Street, Chelsea
Poplar	April 18, 1847	Literary Institution, High Street	"	Samuel Purdy	11, Willis Street, Poplar New Town
Camden Town	July 7, 1850	School Room, 15, Grange Road	"	Charles Norton	6, Upper Hartland Road, Camden Town
Globe Fields	June 30, 1850	41, Globe Road, Mile End	"	Thomas Hilliker	41, Globe Road, Mile End
Sheerness	March 1840	Meeting Room, 1, Mile Town	Kent	Edward Bools	Hope Street, Mile Town
Faversham	July 24, 1850	Bridge Place, Brents, Faversham	"	Edward Spillett	Bridge Place, Faversham
Disorganized					
Notting Hill	Aug. 8, 1851	10, Crafter Terrace, Latimer Road, Shep-	Middlesex	James P. Grinham	8, Crafter Terrace, Latimer Road
Notting Dale	Feb. 1, 1848	Jones' Yard, High Street [herds Bush	Herts	Richard John Caffall	New Street, Station Road
Watford	July 21, 1849	Mr. Jones', Welling	Kent	William Morrison	3, Albert Place, Charlton, Woolwich
St. Albans	April 1, 1849	Holywell Hill, St. Albans	Herts	Daniel Brown	Old London Road
Windsor	Aug. 20, 1850	Dorney, near Windsor	Berkshire	David Blair	1, Keppell Terrace, Windsor
Battersea	July 1848	King Street Chapel	Surrey	George Sims	6, Caroline Place, Queen's Elms, Brompton
Vauxhall	April 6, 1851	Bapt. Chapel, Coburg Row, Rochester Row	Middlesex	Samuel Priday	9, Pond Terrace, Chelsea
Boxford	Oct. 8, 1849	Ebenezer Chapel, Stone Street	Essex	Ebenezer Gillies	Bure, near Colchester, Essex
Bromley	June 2, 1850	Meeting Room, Bromley Common	Kent	Samuel James	Bromley Common
Isle of Dogs	Feb. 21, 1850	7, Tooke Street, Mill Wall, Poplar	Middlesex	Eli Hull	6, Bowen Street, Poplar New Town

(BRANCHES CONTINUED.)

Kensall New Town	Nov.	1849	Richmond Villa, East Row	Middlesex	Jonathan Moyes	12, Caroline Street, East, Camden Town
Croydon.	"	10, 1850	118, Old Town, Croydon	Surrey	William Kelsey	118, Old Town, Croydon
Woburn Green	Aug.	22, 1850	Mr. Beezley's, Woburn Green	Bucks	David Paxman	Woburn Green, near Beaconsfield
Hertford	May	2, 1850		Herts	Henry Squires	Wellwyn, Herts
Malden	"	23, 1851	Hythe, near Maldon	Essex	Mrs. Seawood's, Hythe	Mrs. Seawood's, Hythe
Orsett	Sept.	1849	Orsett Heath	"	David Brand	Orsett Heath
Woodford Bridge	July	29, 1849	Barking Side	"	W. D. Owen	6, Garden Place, Hope Town, Bethnal
Limehouse	"	11, 1849	Ropemaker's Fields	Middlesex	William Turner	8, Union Court, Jamaica Place, Limehouse
Reading	Aug.	22, 1850	44, St. Mary's Butts	Berks	Thomas Bryceson	25, Upper Hosier Street, Reading
Gravesend	Dec.	1849	School Room, Stone Street	Kent	John Rodwell	33, Queen Street, Gravesend
Weston	April	23, 1851	Weston	Berks	William Brooker	Westbrook, near Boxford
Holloway	Nov.	24, 1850	1, Cornwall Place, near the Turnpike	Middlesex	Robert Haslam	12, Roman Terrace, Barnsbury Park
Brompton	May	29, 1851	7, Gloucester Terrace, Park Walk	"	Edward Shoebridge	12, Trafalgar Square, Brompton
Milton	March	9, 1851	Love Lane	Kent	Stephen Hare	Union Street, Sheerness
Hammersmith	Oct.	30, 1851	Windsor Castle Academy, King Street	Middlesex	John Squires	High Street, Putney, Surrey
Ramsbury	Feb.	11, 1851	Oxford Street, Ramsbury	Wilts	William Barratt	Ramsbury
Shoreham	"	21, 1851	White Lion Street	Sussex	George Chatfield	Shoreham
Stoke Newington	May	1, 1850	15, Church Street	Middlesex	Robert Clifton	15, Church Street, Stoke Newington
Minster	March	16, 1851	Old Malt House, Minster	Kent	Richard Manicom	Rose Street, Mile Town, Sheerness
Andover	Feb.	23, 1851	Barrett's Room, Newbury Street	Hants	John Green	T. Adams', Rack Close, Andover
Chertsey	Sept.	3, 1851	Mr. Benn's Chertsey	Surrey	George Giles	Mr. Benn's, Chertsey
Wroughton	May	21, 1851	Thomas Tibbols' Wroughton	Wilts	Henry Munday	Wroughton
Ogbourn	"	1851	William Chun's Ogbourn	"	Thomas Smith	William Chun's Ogbourn
Uxbridge	Nov.	24, 1850	Lecture Room, "The George," Uxbridge	Middlesex	Henry Beasley	Mr. Fowlers', Grocer, Uxbridge
Bow	"	1851	Meeting Room, opposite Fairfield Road	Essex	William Kidman	27, Ellerthorpe Street, Poplar New Town
Colchester	Oct.	25, 1850	Thomas Hall's Baker's Row, Magdalen St.	"	Richard Coleman	Thomas Hall's Baker's Row, Magdalen St.
Penryn	May	1, 1851	Meeting Room, New Street	Cornwall	Thomas Phillips	John Tripp's, Penryn
Froyle	"	1851	George Green's Froyle	"	James Newland	New House, Froyle
Heathfield	Nov.	23, 1851	Mr. Trayton Thompson's Heathfield	Sussex	William Spiring	John Thompson's, Heathfield
Ingatstone	"	1851	John Smith's Margaretting Tye	Essex	Joseph Chapman	Mr. Squire's, Ingatstone
Hungerford	July	30, 1848	Mr. Lambourn's Church Street	Berks	John Lambourn	1, Church Street, Hungerford
Hastings	May	15, 1851	Back of Clinton Arms	Sussex	James Wilton	13, West Street, Hastings
Greenwich	"	1851	8, Royal Hill	Kent	James Jones	210, Evelyn Street, Deptford
Barking	Aug.	1851	Broadway, Barking	Essex	Henry Slade	1, Garden Pl., Kirby St., Poplar New Town
Chatham	"	1851	Mr. Scott's Academy, Hamnor Hill	Kent		
Brantree	"	1851	Mr. Lawrence's Roach Pond Fields	Essex	Samuel Holmes	Roach Pond Field

After the Reports of the Branches had been given in, President Kelsey then said, "You will remember at last Conference it was Resolved that Collections be taken up in each Branch throughout this Conference for the purpose of liquidating the Conference debt.* This was unanimously agreed to, and, yet I believe that not more than one-fourth of the Branches have done so. There ought to be a Conference Fund in each Conference of any size. When a Travelling Elder comes to town, it would not do to send him a begging; therefore there ought to be means provided to help him. Elder Wallace and Dr. Richards are poor, and I have had to help them. I have had to render some assistance to the Travelling Elders, and to keep up their supply of Tracts. I have likewise had to assist sister Woodward, I have given her Ten Shillings per week. These expenses will continue with you—and hence the necessity of a Conference Fund. I suspect that we are behind with this fund. I am not prepared to say how much, at present, but there will certainly be a considerable deficiency, and the question before the meeting is—how is the money to be raised?"

Elders Marsden, Squires, Lewis, and Slack, expressed themselves to the effect, that they would do their utmost in their respective fields of labour, towards raising the sum that might be necessary to meet the deficiency.

Elder Wallace said, "In order to equalise the burden according to righteousness, it would be necessary that, the Reading, Kent, Essex, and Lands End Conferences, should pay an equal share, according to their numerical strength, with the London Conference."

It was then moved and carried unanimously, that this should be the case.

Moved and carried, that sister Woodward be supported by the joint efforts of the above named five Conferences.

Moved and carried, that a Conference Fund be raised in the London Conference, in the proportion of £1. per One Hundred Members for each Three Months.

Moved and carried, that a Collection be taken up in each Branch in the London Conference, on the Second Sunday in each Month, for the support of Elder Marsden and family.

Moved and carried, that the Tottenham Branch be henceforth called the Stoke Newington Branch.

Elder Snow then addressed the meeting. He said, "I perceive it is with you as it is with us all—work! work! It is a privilege which we all enjoy, that we have a constant increase of care. It is pleasant to swim in deep water, if we know how to swim,—it is peculiarly the case with the Latter-Day Saints. You are called to bear heavy burdens. A few years ago you could not have borne such burdens. You were then too weak, but now you are strong. You are perhaps not quite so good as Elder Kelsey has represented you, but still you are good men. The work of the Lord has greatly increased in this place; and still it is your privilege to do much good. You are now great. There are many of you who have

* For further information upon this subject, see Conference Report for January 4th, 1851, p. 17.

charge over far more people than I had when I was the President of the London Conference Ten Years ago. We have had some of your assistance in the Italian, as also in the other European Missions, and for this you will be abundantly rewarded. These Missions, including translating and publishing, have cost some thousands of pounds sterling; yet we have not made much ado about it. We have gone forth in the name of Israel's God, and we have sown the seed of eternal truth, and it will germinate and grow in defiance of the combined hostility of the powers of earth and hell."

President Kelsey said, "I wish to say a few words respecting sabbath schools, and the book agency. Let your sabbath schools be promptly attended to. for they are the 'Nurseries of precious spirits,' who are destined to act a prominent part in the kingdom of God. Give all constant encouragement to those whom you may appoint to the management of your schools, and also to those who may be disposed to take an active part in teaching the children. Respecting the book agency I would say, we have a good assortment of stationery on hand, and if you want record books, copy books, or books of any description, come and purchase them at the office."

Elder Wallace said, "As the authorities of five Conferences are here, the present will be a proper time for me to speak a few words. One year ago a Conference was held in this place, and I was led, as I believe by the Spirit of the Lord, to send a number of men out to preach the Gospel in new places. At that time some persons thought it was not wise to do so, but many good men have gone forth, and scores and hundreds of people have heard their voices and found that they were the 'True Shepherds.' We were all sheep once, and kept our first estate, and were sent forth to this earth, but some have fallen among wolves and been destroyed. Many good people know that we are the servants of the Lord, but they do not obey our words immediately on hearing them, but the Lord will open their way before them, and they will yet rejoice in the truth."

Meeting closed at 11 o'Clock, P.M., with blessing from Elder Snow.

SABBATH MORNING.

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Elder Wallace.

President Kelsey arose and said, "Brethren and sisters, it is with great pleasure that I assemble with you this morning. It is in all probability the last time that I shall assemble with you in this land. I shall this day close my labours as President of the London Conference, and I pray that the Spirit of God may be with us, that unanimity of feeling may characterise all our proceedings. I will not make many more remarks at present, but will proceed to lay before you the business of the day. In a Council of the Presidents of Branches held on last evening, a Report of the various Branches was given in. I will now read you the aggregate.* * * The Branches are generally in good order, and I now commend and leave my blessing upon all the Presidents. They have generally carried out my instructions to the very letter. Brethren continue to uphold those who are placed over you in the Lord. Never seek to thwart their purposes, for

that is the work, and it proceeds from the spirit of apostacy. The Eternal Father sent Jesus Christ into the world—not to do his own will, but the will of him that sent him. Jesus Christ sent the Twelve Apostles into the world—not to do their own will, but the will of him who sent them. The Twelve sent the Seventies forth—not to do their own will, but the will of those who sent them. Who does not see that if the will of the Twelve was done by the Seventies, that of the Saviour by the Twelve, and that of the Eternal Father by the Lord Jesus, that the will of the Eternal Father was done by all? No man can stand in this church, unless he sustains those whom God hath placed over him. Upon this hangs all the Law and the Prophets. There is no glory without submission to the head. Brethren, teach this to the saints over whom you have the oversight. To the Presidents of Branches I would say, 'Let those who rule, rule in long-suffering and forbearance, for this kind of government becometh the servants of the Most High God.'

"I will now lay before you the resolutions which we have to pass."

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Willard Richards, as the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in all the world.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Orson Hyde as the President, and Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Franklin D. Richards, as the President of the British Conferences, with Elders George B. Wallace, and Levi Richards as his Counsellors.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder John Taylor, and the brethren associated with him in the French Mission.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Lorenzo Snow, and the brethren associated with him in the Italian and India Missions.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Erastus Snow, and the brethren associated with him in the Danish Mission.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain the various Presidents of Conferences in the British Isles.

Resolved:—That we receive, uphold, and sustain Elder Jacob Gates, as the President of the London, Reading, Kent, and Essex Conferences.

Resolved:—That we receive, uphold, and sustain Elder James Marsden, as the President of the London Conference.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Thos. C. Armstrong as the Clerk of the Conference.

Resolved:—That this Conference highly approve of the past conduct and labors of Elders Speakman, Hyde, Squires, Lewis, and Savage, and that a letter of commendation be given to each of them, that Elder Geary write the said letters and submit them to the inspection of Elders Gates and Marsden.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Thomas C. Armstrong, in the double capacity of General Book and Star Agent, and Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund.

Elder Armstrong, at the call of Elder Kelsey, came forward and gave a report of the Perpetual Emigration Fund, for information, see Tabular Report.

President Kelsey then referred to the Financial Statements, which are as follows :—

Dr. STATE OF THE GENERAL BOOK AND STAR AGENCY ACCOUNT.				Cr.			
£ s. d.				£ s. d.			
To Amount due to the office at Liverpool	394	17	0½	By Amount due by the Branches (see preceding Table)	236	5	8½
Amount due to Elder Lorenzo Snow ..	48	18	8½	Amount due by the Conferences, &c..	34	1	9½
Amount due to Elder John Taylor ..	6	6	8	Stock on hand ..	182	15	5½
Amount due to Elder George P. Dykes..	3	8	3	Cash in hand ..	0	7	8½
	<u>£453</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8.</u>		<u>£453</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8.</u>

Dr. STATE OF THE CONFERENCE FUND.				Cr.			
£ s. d.				£ s. d.			
To Deficiency in last Half-year's Account..	18	2	11	By Amount donated by the Branches during the Half-year (see Table)	41	7	6½
Paid for Tracts, Books, &c., given to Travelling Elders ..	16	14	4	Amount of Collection at Conference ..	9	0	0
Paid for support of Elder Woodward's family..	13	10	0	Balance due to the Treasurer..	39	16	6½
Paid to Elder L. Richards and family ..	9	18	0				
Paid to Elder Wallace..	9	2	0				
Paid to Travelling Elders and Board of Visiting Elders from a distance	6	1	10				
Paid to Elder Franklin D. Richards (to be appropriated for a certain use) ..	5	0	0				
Paid for Refreshments at Conference..	1	0	0				
Paid for Board and Lodging of Elders..	1	15	0				
Paid to Elder Franklin D. Richards, for Travelling Expenses	3	0	0				
Paid to Elder Levi Richards for Travelling Expenses..	1	0	0				
Paid for Rent of Hall..	5	0	0				
	<u>£90</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£90</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

LIST OF MONIES GIVEN TO ELDER ELI B. KELSEY TOWARDS HIS TRAVELLING
EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dover.. .. .	1	19	6	Brought forward	11	4	8½
Brighton.. .. .	1	10	7½	Shoreham	0	5	7½
Newbury	1	8	5	Notting Hill	0	5	0
Isle of Dogs	1	0	0	Welling	0	4	6
Faversham	0	19	3	Reading	0	4	3½
Deptford	0	18	0	Hammersmith	0	4	0
Sheerness	0	16	0	Gravesend	0	3	9
Woolwich	0	14	1	Whitechapel	0	3	4
Kennington	0	10	11	Vauxhall	0	2	6
Hertford	0	7	5	St. Albans	0	1	2
Poplar	0	7	0	Camden Town	0	1	0
Old Kent Road	0	7	0	Orsett	0	1	0
Limehouse.. .. .	0	6	6				
Carried up	£11	4	8½		£13	0	10½

[The above sums together with £7 4s. 6d. subscribed towards Elder Kelsey's Watch are included in the Totals placed opposite the names of the Branches in the Table.]

After the above Financial Statements were referred to, the meeting was then closed by singing, and prayer by President Richards.

AFTERNOON.

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Elder Marsden.

President Richards arose, and said, "I had quite concluded that I must forego the pleasure of meeting with you to-day on account of the multiplicity of my business, but when I thought of this mighty gathering in London, I considered that although I might not contribute to the forwarding of the business of the day, yet I might get refreshed in my spirit.

"As I realize that I stand in the metropolis of the most powerful nation of the earth, I feel disposed to thank God who has guided the great work up to its present state.

"We do not stop to be governed by the popular method of doing business, and hence Elder Kelsey has proceeded in a plain matter of fact way in the business transactions of the day. The beginning and the end of the religions of the day is money and respectability: they will give you their prayers, faith, and influence, but if you ask them for money they will forsake you. I am not inclined to let every man have my soul's eternal interests in his hands, but if a man wants a little money, I can freely give him that. When I can trust a man's counsels respecting my eternal welfare, I can most readily trust his counsels respecting my temporal welfare. When I appoint a man to preside over a conference, I appoint him to counsel the saints in temporal as well as spiritual things. I have the greatest confidence in the men who have been appointed over these confer-

ences. I have thought it best to appoint Elder Gates to the pastoral care of them all, and I will now call upon Elder Hyde to read his letter of appointment.

"Elder Hyde having read the same, Elder Richards then resumed his remarks, by saying that Elder Marsden will be the President of the London Conference in the fullest sense of the word and Elders Squires, Slack, and Lewis will be the Presidents of their respective Conferences, and Elder Gates will take the oversight of them all."

President Kelsey said, "Dear brethren and sisters, I have been in your midst about one year, and I have had great joy in all my labours among you. My prayer to God from the first was, that I might do all things acceptably in his sight, I believe I have done so, and my brethren in the Priesthood above me believe it, and this is a source of great happiness to me. I have had more intimate acquaintance with my brethren of the Twelve since I came on my mission to this country than ever I had before, and the more I know of them the more I love them, for they are good men, and their confidence and good-will are very dear to me. My present determination is to persevere in the good work of God. I do not know what may befall me in the future, but my present purpose is to go onward to the victory. I know that if I do not do my duty to-day I am as liable to be overcome by the spirit of apostasy as any other man. I ask an interest in your prayers, that I may overcome all evil, and be saved in the kingdom of God.

"I have a few remarks to make respecting my predecessors; I have always rendered to them all due honor; they have done a good work. Elder Banks gave the work of God a mighty impetus, and the effects of his capacious intellect and singular eloquence, quickened by the spirit and power of the God of Israel, are manifest and clear throughout this Conference: I am glad to see his name made honorable mention of in the *Star* as having acted a prominent part in the late demonstrations in Great Salt Lake City. When Elder Banks left this country, Elder Margetts took hold of the work like a man of God, and rolled it forward. The only feeling of this heart towards those men is, that they may be blessed, and abundantly rewarded for the great and good work which they have done. It now falls to my lot to leave you, and return to the bosom of my family: I rejoice to leave you in such good hands for you are a good people: the men who will succeed me are good men, and they will be made a great blessing to you. I am sorry to part from you, but this feeling is counteracted by the joy which I experience in the prospect of meeting my dear family. I leave my blessing with you, and hope ere long to see many of you in a better land."

The meeting was then concluded in due form.

EVENING.

Meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Elder Snow.

Elder Snow arose and said, "I can never forget the circumstances of this Conference some ten years ago. I remember when I and my brethren

were here at that time we had no difficulty in getting out at the small door ; we had never more than some twenty hearers for months together : in such circumstances it was not very pleasant. Father Cooper remembers these things, and no doubt rejoices to see this great congregation. This prosperity naturally begets confidence in the great work in which we are engaged. We are like Jesus in regard to this world : he had many painful scenes to pass through, yet he conquered, and was independent of the world :—and so are we, for we have received nothing from them but persecution. It is by the power of the Almighty that we have succeeded. If we have good prospects in the future, it is not because any of the religious societies have lent us their aid ; it is because God is with us. Yet we are willing to give our lives to save them ; indeed this is what we are doing every day.”

Elder Richards said, “ Elder Kelsey has desired me to arise and speak to you. I freely respond to the call, although I felt quite willing that Elder Snow should occupy as much time as he pleased, for in all probability he will not have another privilege of meeting so many saints for some time. We have not been sent here altogether for others to save us, but we must do much towards saving ourselves. Every duty that is enjoined upon the saint of God, is imposed upon him in order to ascertain how much heavier a duty may be laid upon him with safety.” Elder Richards made many other remarks on the subjects of emigration and tithing,—much information upon which may be found in No. 2 of Vol. xiv. *Star*.

Elder Marsden said, “ I wish to intimate to the Presidents of the branches of the London Conference, that they are requested to send me a monthly report of their respective branches on the first day of every month. For the time being they will please to address their letters to 35, Jewin Street, City. When I have obtained a house, I shall request President Richards to publish my address in the *Star*, and then they may address me at my own residence. The monthly Priesthood meeting will be held as usual on the first Monday in every month.

“ I,—I was going to thank my brethren for what they have said to us, but the best way of thanking a man for what he says is, to reduce to practice the principles which he advocates. To this end may the Lord bless us all, Amen.”

Moved and carried, that this Conference of the Authorities of the London, Reading, Kent, Essex, and Land's End Conferences be adjourned *sine die*.

Moved and carried, that the London Conference be adjourned until the first Sunday in June, 1852.

ELDER ELI B. KELSEY, PRESIDENT.

„ T. C. ARMSTRONG, } SECRETARIES.
„ J. T. GEARY, }

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE BRANCHES IN THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Being called to sustain the relationship of President towards you, I embrace the present opportunity of addressing you upon a few things of importance to you, to me, and to all who love the Cause of Truth.

You are a highly privileged body of men. You hold authority from the Ruler of the Universe—a power for good unto your fellow men, and all your legal administrations are sanctioned by the high Court of Heaven. You occupy a prominent position in the sphere of your individual labors. You are appointed to counsel the saints in all things—to teach them to obey those whom God has placed over them. Your conduct in this respect is, and will be known. “Thou that teachest another to obey the law through breaking the law dishonorest thou God?” Thou that teachest a man to obey his superiors, dost thou obey thy superiors? Now is the time for you to distinguish yourselves as confidential men in the kingdom of God—men who will do their duty. You have now the privilege of shewing who and what you are—your pedigree, character, and destiny. Every day’s conduct will tell upon your future position, either for weal or for woe.

With your special calling to the presidency of branches, is given spirit and power to enable you to discharge the duties, which do, or may in time to come, devolve upon you. The man who does not fully believe this, either never understood the nature of a calling from God, with its power and privileges, or he is a subject of the hardening and darkening influence of the wicked one. Such a man can have no faith in, and consequently cannot do the work of the Lord. “I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me,” and the Lord Jesus will surely strengthen all his faithful servants, to do that which he hath appointed them to do. This being the case, where is the propriety in making excuses for habitually neglecting to carry out the measures of the Church? Men who do this can only retain their stations on sufferance for a little season. Mercy, forbearance, and perhaps expediency, tolerate them for a time, but approbation and confidence cannot flourish towards them in the minds of the people. How degrading to a noble and sensitive mind to be a mere creature of expediency! Arise ye heralds of heavenly truth, and magnify your honorable calling, and heaven will reciprocate your noble deeds.

We do not look immediately to the saints to carry out the various measures of the Church, but mediately through their respective presidents. The saints are responsible to the presidents of branches, the presidents of branches to the president of the conference, and the president of the conference to those who preside over him, and so on until we arrive at the first presidency of the Church, who are amenable to the authority which governs them, and thus a chain of responsibility runs throughout the whole Church.

The president of a branch is the main-spring of action to the particular organisation with which he stands connected, and when he acts diligently and in righteousness he gives life and energy to the body.

The success of an effort greatly depends upon the spirit and tone in which it is performed. Harsh words stir up strife, but words of love and truth will turn away wrath. Convince a man that you love him, that you are his true friend, that you labor to bless him, and promote his welfare, and you will need but little argument to convince him that your testimony is true. If a man doubt your veracity, your testimony will be of little importance to him. It is said of the Almighty, "We love him because he first loved us," and I apprehend we love and believe in the testimony of his servants, because they first loved and brought salvation unto us. The word of the Lord unto us is, "No man can assist to bring forth my work except he be meek and humble before me." The truth of this declaration is obvious, for the opposites of meekness and humility are of the evil one. Let us then go forth "prosperously because of truth, meekness; and righteousness."

The first Presidency of the Church have made a call upon the saints in the British Isles for an offering, for the purpose of assisting to build a Glorious Temple in Great Salt Lake City, and ere this address appears in print the proportion of money required from the branches in the London Conference will be forwarded to the presidents, who are requested to lay the matter before the saints, in a kind and generous spirit, without delay. All the counsel given, and the measures which were adopted at conference, will require the immediate and constant attention of the brethren. We have no time to lose. We have work enough before us to occupy every moment. Therefore let the duties of every day be performed in proper season, and all will be well.

A WORD TO THE OFFICERS IN GENERAL.—Every true friend of God will use his utmost endeavours to strengthen the hands of his president. Whoever will pursue an opposite course is an enemy to the government of God.

The foregoing remarks have not been called forth by a want of confidence in the integrity of purpose, nor yet in the purity of the intelligence by which my brethren are actuated, but were written for the purpose of making known my own feelings and sentiments, and of resuscitating and calling into energetic action every noble aspiration of your souls; for the great work in which we are engaged requires magnanimous minds to grasp, and faithful men to labor in it.

You will receive these observations in the spirit in which they are penned. My confidence in you forbids all misgivings on this head. Hoping that no abatement of effort but that an increase of wise activity may characterise your exertions during the present year, and praying that you may have much joy in your exemplary labors.

I remain your servant in the Cause of Truth,

JAMES MARSDEN.

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